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[57] **ABSTRACT**

An apparatus and a method of screen display whereby either a plurality of screens or a plurality of windows on a single screen are displayed. On at least one screen or in at least one window, areas representing either the other screens or the other windows are displayed. When a pointer pointing to a given position either on that one screen or in that one window is used to select any one of these areas therein, the pointer is made to appear either on another screen or in another window corresponding to the selected area.

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